

Application No. 10/780,522
Docket No. 2004U001.US
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Remarks

Section 112 Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 10, 14, 24, 28, 25 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The Applicant has amended these claims to correct for antecedent basis, and to remove reference to "activator" in claim 1.

The Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Section 102/103 Rejection

Claims 1-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated, and in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over *Mawson et al.* (US 2002/0161141). The Applicant amends Claims 1, 16 and 30, such amendment derived from the specification as filed at, for example, page 55 (working example 5). No new matter is added.

Mawson at Example 8 describes addition of solid catalyst to mineral oil, followed by addition of hexane. The Applicant claims a different order of addition. Further, the attached Declaration by the Inventor shows that this difference has an unexpected result.

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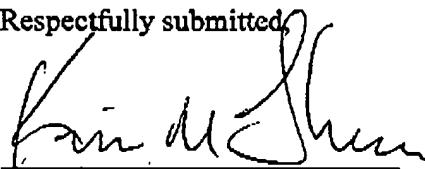
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The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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